## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kazuko SHINOZAKI et al.

Title: PRODUCTION OF PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED

ROOTING EFFICIENCY AND VASE LIFE USING STRESS-

RESISTANCE GENE

Appl. No.: 10/798,579

Appl. Filing Date: 03/12/2004

Examiner: Vinod Kumar

Art Unit: 1638

Confirmation Number: 6471

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
  - a. Previously submitted:
  - [X] Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on <u>March 25</u>, <u>2008</u>.
  - [ ] Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.

[ ]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on
[]	Other
b.	Enclosed are:
[]	Amendment/Reply.
[ ]	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
[ ]	Information Disclosure Statement.
[]	Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of listed reference(s).
[ ]	Other .
Miscellaneou	s:
[]	Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present	F	Rate		Fee Totals	
RCE Fee 1.17(e):						\$810.00	=	\$810.00	
Total Claims:	20	-	20	= 0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00	
Independents	3	-	3	= 0	х	\$210.00		\$0.00	
	First prese	entation	of any Mult	iple Dependent Claims	: +	\$370.00		\$0.00	
				C	Laims i	EE TOTAL:	_	\$810.00	

- [ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:
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[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00
[ X ]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$460.00	•	\$460.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,050.00		\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,640.00	•	\$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,230.00	•	\$0.00
	•	\$460.00		
	-	\$120.00		
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL				\$340.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				\$1150.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½	2 of above):	-	\$0.00
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.	§ 1.103(c)	•	\$0.00
		\$1150.00		

The above-identified fees of \$1150.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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